Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-26 **(Canceled)**

27. **(New)** A head support device for supporting a read and/or write head for recording information on and/or reproducing information from a recording medium that rotates around an axis of rotation of the recording medium, said head support device comprising:

a base arm adapted to be pivotable about a first axis that is parallel to and spaced apart from the axis of rotation of the recording medium;

a support arm coupled to said base arm and adapted to be pivotable about the first axis together with said base arm;

a flexure fixed to said support arm;

a slider to which the head is to be mounted, said slider being mounted to said flexure at said first end of said support arm; and

a spring member coupling said support arm to said base arm for applying a thrust force to the head via said support arm and said flexure, said spring member having lower rigidity than said support arm;

wherein a pivot fulcrum arrangement is provided to pivotally mount said support arm for pivoting about a second axis relative to said base arm, said second axis being perpendicular to said first axis.

28. **(New)** The head support device of claim 27, wherein

said flexure is fixed to said support arm in the vicinity of said pivot fulcrum.

29. **(New)** The head support device of claim 27, wherein

said flexure is fixed to said support arm between a midpoint of a distance from said first end of said support arm to said pivot fulcrum arrangement and a midpoint of a distance from a second end of said support arm to sad pivot fulcrum arrangement.

30. **(New)** The head support device of claim 27, wherein

said support arm has a slit formed therein at a second end thereof; and

said flexure is supported on both said base arm and said support arm and passes through said slit of said support arm.

31. **(New)** The head support device of claim 30, wherein

said flexure is fixed to said support arm in the vicinity of said pivot fulcrum;

a terminal part of said flexure, which is adapted to extend to a terminal, passes through said slit in said support arm to a side of said support arm that faces said base arm; and

a reinforcing plate is fixed to a side of said support arm that is provided with said slider to strengthen said support arm.

32. **(New)** The head support device of claim 30, wherein

said spring member has a hole and a slit part formed therein.

33. **(New)** The head support device of claim 30, wherein

said support arm is provided with a balancer for balancing the thrust force of said spring member about a bearing; and

a resultant center of gravity of respective centers of gravity of said flexure provided with said slider, a pivot section of said support arm and said balancer acts in a direction passing through said second axis.

34. **(New)** The head support device of claim 33, wherein

said pivot fulcrum arrangement comprises a pair of pivot fulcrums; and
said second axis passes through vertexes of said pivot fulcrums.

35. **(New)** The head support device of claim 27, wherein
said spring member has a hole and a slit part formed therein.

36. **(New)** The head support device of claim 35, wherein
said hole and said slit part of said spring member are connected to each other.

37. **(New)** The head support device of claim 36, wherein
said hole is symmetric with respect to a centerline of said support arm.

38. **(New)** The head support device of claim 36, wherein
said hole of said spring member is formed as one of a circle, an ellipse and a polygon.

39. **(New)** The head support device of claim 36, wherein
said hole of said spring member is formed as a rhombus.

40. **(New)** The head support device of claim 36, wherein
said slit of said support arm and said slit part of said spring member are aligned with each other along a centerline of said support arm at a junction between said support arm and said spring member.

41. **(New)** The head support device of claim 36, wherein
said spring member is formed integrally with said support arm.

42. **(New)** The head support device of claim 36, wherein

said slit part of said spring member is symmetric with respect to a centerline of said support arm.

43. **(New)** The head support device of claim 35, wherein
said hole is provided in a center of said spring member.

44. **(New)** The head support device of claim 35, wherein
said hole is symmetric with respect to a centerline of said support arm.

45. **(New)** The head support device of claim 35, wherein
said hole of said spring member is formed as one of a circle, an ellipse and a polygon.

46. **(New)** The head support device of claim 35, wherein
said hole of said spring member is formed as a rhombus.

47. **(New)** The head support device of claim 35, wherein
said slit of said support arm and said slit part of said spring member are aligned with each other along a centerline of said support arm at a junction between said support arm and said spring member.

48. **(New)** The head support device of claim 35, wherein
said spring member is formed integrally with said support arm.

49. **(New)** The head support device of claim 35, wherein
said slit part of said spring member is symmetric with respect to a centerline of said support arm.

50. **(New)** The head support device of claim 27, wherein

said support arm is provided with a balancer for balancing the thrust force of said spring member about a bearing; and

a resultant center of gravity of respective centers of gravity of said flexure provided with said slider, a pivot section of said support arm and said balancer acts in a direction passing through said second axis.

51. **(New)** The head support device of claim 50, wherein

said pivot fulcrum arrangement comprises a pair of pivot fulcrums; and

said second axis passes through vertexes of said pivot fulcrums.

52. **(New)** A disk drive comprising:

a recording medium;

rotation driving means for rotating said recording medium an axis of rotation of the recording medium;

a read and/or write head for recording information on and/or reproducing information from said recording medium rotating around the axis of rotation of the recording medium;

a base arm mounted to be pivotable about a first axis that is parallel to and spaced apart from the axis of rotation of the recording medium;

a support arm coupled to said base arm and mounted to be pivotable about the first axis together with said base arm;

a flexure fixed to said support arm;

a slider to which the head is to be mounted, said slider being mounted to said flexure at said first end of said support arm; and

a spring member coupling said support arm to said base arm for applying a thrust force to said head via said support arm and said flexure, said spring member having lower rigidity than said support arm;

wherein a pivot fulcrum arrangement is provided to pivotally mount said support arm for pivoting about a second axis relative to said base arm, said second axis being perpendicular to said first axis.

53. **(New)** The disk drive of claim 52, wherein

said flexure is fixed to said support arm in the vicinity of said pivot fulcrum.

54. **(New)** The head support device of claim 52, wherein

said support arm has a slit formed therein at a second end thereof; and

said flexure is supported on both said base arm and said support arm and passes through said slit of said support arm.

55. **(New)** The head support device of claim 54, wherein

said spring member has a hole and a slit part formed therein.

56. **(New)** The head support device of claim 52, wherein

said spring member has a hole and a slit part formed therein.